

Attorney Docket No. SMD-29

**COMBINED DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**
(includes reference to PCT International Applications)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SMOKING ARTICLE WRAPPER FOR CONTROLLING IGNITION PROCLIVITY OF A
SMOKING ARTICLE WITHOUT AFFECTING SMOKING CHARACTERISTICS
the specification of which

(X) is attached hereto.

() was filed on _____ as
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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JOINT INVENTION ASSIGNMENT OF WORLDWIDE RIGHTS

WHEREAS, we, RICHARD M. PETERSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at 4041 Summit Drive, Marietta, Georgia, 30068; and JOSEPH S. KUCHEROVSKY, a citizen of the United States, residing at 9937 Wingtip Road, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19115, as assignors, have made an invention entitled SMOKING ARTICLE WRAPPER FOR CONTROLLING IGNITION PROCLIVITY OF A SMOKING ARTICLE WITHOUT AFFECTING SMOKING CHARACTERISTICS as described in a patent application for U.S. Letters Patent executed by us on even date herewith, which is about to be filed in the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office; and

WHEREAS, SCHWEITZER-MAUDUIT INTERNATIONAL, INC., a body politic and corporate under the laws of the State of Delaware, whose post office address is 100 North Point Center East, Suite 600, Alpharetta, Georgia, 30202; as assignee, is desirous of securing the entire right, title, and interest in and to this invention in all countries throughout the world, and in and to the application for United States Letters Patent on this invention and the Letters Patent to be issued upon this application;

NOW THEREFORE, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) in hand paid and other good and valuable consideration the receipt of which from assignee is hereby acknowledged, we, as assignors, have sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and set over unto the assignee, its lawful successors and assigns, our entire right, title, and interest in and to this invention and this application, and all divisions, and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon, and all reissues thereof, and all rights to claim priority on the basis of such application, and all applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed

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